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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

The documents included in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) were cited in a Search Report dated October 6, 2004 issued by the European Patent Office. A copy of the Search Report citing these documents is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

A copy of each of the listed documents is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making the appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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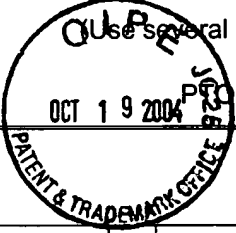
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